

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Measurable moisture was again spotty across the State during the week, with the amounts received doing little to help in the midst of prolonged drought, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In the northwest, rain received was very needed. Reports from Union County indicated that rain was received on the east side, and that corn and sorghum are coming along well. Elsewhere in the northeast, comments noted that rain was received in some areas, but more is needed. In the southeast counties, it was reported that the heat and drought, combined with winds, have drastically affected the feed supply, and that moisture is desperately needed. It was noted that conditions in Eddy County are so dry that the large majority of grass has no color. Other reports from the southeast confirm that dry conditions persist, regardless of some rains. The United States Drought Monitor indicated further expansion of abnormally dry or worse conditions, with extreme drought (D3) covering 15.3 percent of the State and severe drought (D2) covering 26.3 percent of the State. The area classified in moderate drought (D1) – currently 25.3 percent – was up 8 percentage points when compared with the previous week. Overall, conditions rated abnormally dry or worse have now covered the entire State, rated at 99.98 percent. There was no hail damage reported. Wind damage across all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 3 percent moderate. Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 6 percent very short, 37 percent short, 56 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus, compared with 3 percent very short, 38 percent short, 58 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 23 percent very short, 45 percent short, and 32 percent adequate, compared with 21 percent very short, 51 percent short, and 28 percent adequate last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	75	70	72	82
3 rd cutting harvested	41	34	32	49
4 th cutting harvested	15	4	NA	NA
Corn				
Emerged	92	90	NA	NA
Silked	12	10	6	21
Cotton				
Emerged	91	86	NA	NA
Squaring	61	51	63	55
Setting bolls.....	13	1	2	16
Onions				
Harvested.....	80	77	94	92
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	76	62	3	12
Winter wheat				
Harvested.....	91	88	72	88
Cattle and calves				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	77	78	NA	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Receiving supplemental feed.....	68	71	NA	NA

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.7	6.5	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	41	44	17	23
Short.....	40	37	52	44
Adequate	19	19	28	31
Surplus	--	--	3	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	40	43	19	20
Short.....	48	41	51	40
Adequate	12	16	29	39
Surplus	--	--	1	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	7
Poor	2	7	3	5
Fair.....	31	33	33	27
Good.....	56	50	50	50
Excellent.....	10	9	12	11
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor	6	6	5	6
Fair.....	35	40	38	28
Good.....	59	54	56	49
Excellent.....	--	--	--	17
Corn				
Very poor.....	--	1	1	2
Poor	1	2	5	4
Fair.....	51	60	45	31
Good.....	14	12	31	43
Excellent.....	34	25	18	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor	16	17	18	12
Fair.....	54	54	48	41
Good.....	26	29	25	35
Excellent.....	4	--	9	10
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	25	6	9
Poor	39	33	31	28
Fair.....	29	30	40	36
Good.....	4	11	22	24
Excellent.....	8	1	1	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor	11	11	9	8
Fair.....	56	56	65	63
Good.....	33	33	26	27
Excellent.....	--	--	--	1
Pecans				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	--
Poor	5	5	1	1
Fair.....	23	28	15	9
Good.....	70	66	45	61
Excellent.....	--	--	39	29
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	9	7	1	2
Poor	8	5	7	7
Fair.....	34	39	45	36
Good.....	36	39	36	47
Excellent.....	13	10	11	8
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	6	15	1	10
Poor	8	6	4	10
Fair.....	40	31	45	27
Good.....	46	46	45	48
Excellent.....	--	2	5	5

NA – not available

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